

REGION III ICC
Minutes for May 8, 2006

Present:

Kate Jackson, Parent
Nancy Henry, TL Infant Tracking
Twyla Bohl, Family Voices & Parent
Sonya Bull, Parent
Marcia Schneider, Exp. Parent
Wendy Olson, DD
Nancy Brustad, LR KIDS
Keith Gustafson, LRSEU Fiscal Agent
Cheryl Wold, East Central SEU Director
Judy Freund, Parent
Marcia Blueshield, Health tracks, Ft. Totten
Connie Hovendick, LRSE
Gaylene Belgarde, TL Sp. Ed. Director &
Preschool Special Needs

AGENDA REPORT:

1. Introductions were done. The committee welcomed Cheryl Wold from East Central Special Education Unit.
2. Trainings and Conferences:

Family Connections Conference: This will be held June 14, 15, & 16, 2006, at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. There are Part C funds available for parents with children under age 3 and professionals working with these children. The number to call for reservations is printed wrong in the conference brochure. The number to call TO GET THE STATE RATE is 701-258-7700.

There is a preconference to the Family Connections Conference on Tuesday, June 13, from 9 – 4:30. This is titled “Autism – the SCERTS Model: Practical Assessment & Intervention strategies” by Dr. Patrick Rydell, Rocky Mountain Autism Center of Littleton, CO. The registration for this preconference is \$15.

There will also be a post-conference to the Family Connections Conference. This will be Friday, June 16, 2006, from 8 – 3:00 titled “A Wealth of Possibilities: Learning from Reggio Emilia’s Approach to Inclusion”. I believe the registration for this is covered by the FCC registration.

“Lose the Training Wheels”: The Dickinson Optimist Club is hosting this program to come to Dickinson May 22-26th, 2006. There was a more in-depth article about this in the April newsletter. This program uses adapted bikes to allow children to lose the training wheels and ride conventional bikes. Each child has 75 minutes of 1:1 direct instruction daily for five days. The cost for the camp is \$35 and families have to apply. Families do have to either live close enough to drive or find lodging for the week if they attend. They can call 701-290-8711 or email celebrate@ctctel.com for an application or to get more information.

3. Right Track Program update:

There are currently 8 children in the LR KIDS program who were previously screened by the RT program. This is 15% of the LR KIDS caseload. This % is a little lower than the state average, and may be due to the Denver II screening tool being used. Other screening tools were discussed.

They have decided to begin using the Battelle screening tool, with Ages and Stages and the Brigance to supplement this. Training is scheduled with Keith Gustafson on June 19, 2006.

4. Experienced Parent Program:

Marcia reported on EP program activities. A quarterly newsletter continues to be sent out to all LR KIDS families and RICC members. She goes with LR KIDS staff on initial evals when asked and schedules work out. She completes the Family Needs Assessments & submits it to LR KIDS staff to include with the evaluation report. A parent will call occasionally and has questions about programs, services, or options available to them. Marcia continues to keep families and RICC members informed of trainings, conferences, as she learns of them, is putting together a listing of the transition options available for children 3 – 5 in the various communities in our region for LR KIDS staff to use when needed, and researches links, leads, etc. of various programs, services, materials, and info she comes across and passes the information along to those who may find it most beneficial, be it parents, professionals, etc.

5. 45 day timelines/form; eligibility timelines, draft transition chart:

Nancy had a handout of the referral to FRSP timespan from 4/1/05 to 3/31/06. There is a lot of scatter, with many referrals meeting the 45 day time limit, and others over. We had the opportunity to provide input into the contents of a form that will be drafted and potentially used beginning later this year to document the reason why, in each case where appropriate, the 45 time limit is not met. Denise drafted a four-step transition model for Early Intervention Services to School Services. The committee reviewed it and made suggestions for additions, clarifications, etc.

6. Infant SEE program:

Marcia referred to the piece she put in her April newsletter on this program. It is a program in which parents of 6 – 12 month olds infants can have a vision assessment done on their child free of charge to the family if they utilize optometrists who are participating in this program. One can visit their website: www.InfantSEE.com for more information on the program and a listing of optometrists who are participating. There are several in Region III.

7. Quality Improvement Plan & the Regional Compliance Work Plan were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is August 7 at 10:00 at the Lake Region Human Service Center East/West Conference Room.